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SUBJECT: INTERIM REPORT ON THE WORK OF THE UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL'S SESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON TECHNICAL COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (TCDC), JUNE 6 - 9.

1. THIS SUMMARIZES THE RESULTS OF THE COMMITTEE'S WORK THUS FAR. A FINAL REPORT WILL BE TRANSMITTED UPON COMPLETION OF THIS ITEM BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL ON 19 JUNE.

2. THE COMMITTEE PROCEEDED IN A WORKMAN-LIKE FASHION AND COMPLETED ITS FORMAL MEETINGS ON 9 JUNE, AS SCHEDULED. THE REMAINING BUSINESS IS TO WORK OUT AT INFORMAL MEETINGS THE TEXT OF A DRAFT DECISION ON TCDC WHICH THE COUNCIL IS SCHEDULED TO CONSIDER ON 19 JUNE.

3. THE SESSION CONSISTED PRINCIPALLY OF A GENERAL DEBATE ON THE FOLLOWING THREE DOCUMENTS: (A) DP/309, WHICH CONTAINS EXECUTING AGENCY REPORTS ON THEIR TCDC ACTIVITIES; (B) DP/317, WHICH PROVIDES THE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT ON UNDP'S IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TCDC WORKING GROUP (DP/69), AS MODIFIED BY THE COUNCIL; AND (C) DP/317, ADD. 1, WHICH CONTAINS A REPORT ON THE FIRST

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MEETING OF THE INTERAGENCY WORKING PARTY ON MODALITIES, PROBLEMS AND STANDARDS REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF TCDC. INTRODUCTORY STATEMENTS WERE MADE BY THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN (THE KUWAIT PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE IN GENEVA), ADMINISTRATOR MORSE IN HIS CAPACITY AS SYG FOR THE TCDC CONFERENCE (SCHEDULED FOR 30 AUGUST - 12 SEPTEMBER IN BUENOS AIRES), AND ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR ANSTEE AS

CHAIRMAN OF THE INTERAGENCY WORKING PARTY ON TCDC. MORSE ANNOUNCED THAT UNCTAD DEPUTY SYG BERNARD CHIDZERO HAS BEEN TEMPORARILY RELEASED FROM UNCTAD IN ORDER TO SERVE AS DEPUTY SYG FOR THE TCDC CONFERENCE. A KEY ISSUE OF THE COMMITTEE DEBATE CONCERNED WHETHER THE COUNCIL SHOULD APPROVE AT THIS SESSION THE SECRETARIAT PROPOSAL (PARA 124-126 OF DP/317) FOR AN INCREASE IN THE UNDP TCDC SPECIAL UNIT BUDGET OF ABOUT DOLS 150,000 FOR 1978 AND 1979. THE ISSUE IS TO BE NEGOTIATED DURING THE WEEK OF 13 JUNE SO THAT AN AGREED POSITION ON IT CAN BE INCLUDED WITHIN THE COMMITTEE'S DRAFT DECISION ON TCDC, WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO BE SUBMITTED FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL ON 19 JUNE.

4. OTHER IMPORTANT POINTS WHICH AROSE DURING THE DEBATE WERE THAT: (A) BRAZIL PROPOSED THAT THE TCDC SESSIONAL COMMITTEE BE CONTINUED INDEFINITELY AS THE UN INTER-GOVERNMENTAL UNIT WHICH WOULD SERVE AS THE MONITOR OF POST-CONFERENCE UN ACTIVITIES; AND (B) DEPUTY SYG CHIDZERO, AT THE CLOSE OF THE COMMITTEE SESSION, REPORTED TO THE COMMITTEE THAT AN APPROPRIATELY REVISED AND ACTION-ORIENTED DRAFT PLAN OF ACTION FOR THE CONFERENCE WILL BE AVAILABLE TO DELEGATIONS BY THE END OF JUNE, ALTHOUGH HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE RELATED "CONCEPTS" PAPER ("TCDC AS A NEW DIMENSION FOR COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT") WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL MID-JULY AT LEAST. CHIDZERO ALSO APPEALED FOR UNITY AT THE CONFERENCE ON THE PART OF ALL MEMBER STATES

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AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

5. THE COMMITTEE DISCUSSED AND TOOK NOTE OF THE REPORT OF THE THIRD PREPCOM ON THE TCDC CONFERENCE AND DECIDED TO RECOMMEND THAT THE GOVERNING COUNCIL TRANSMIT THE REPORT TO THE UNGA THRDUGH ECOSOC. VANDEN HEUVEL

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